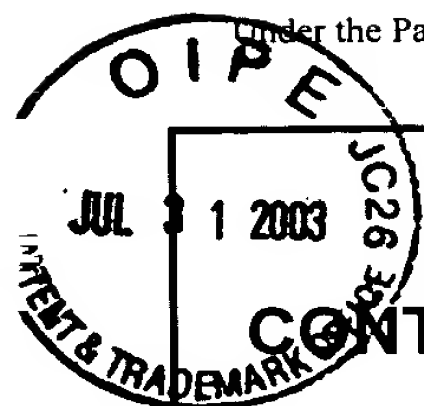


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	Filing Date	July 13, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Michael Dean McCutchan
	Group Art Unit	1761
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	Attorney Docket Number	8169M
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